

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mount Pisgah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

NEWTON CHURCH,

Newton County, Miss.,

Commencing September 19th, 1874.

MERIDIAN:

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ADDRESS
OF THE
Committee on the State of Religion,
AND
Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our kind Heavenly Father has favored us to meet in this our Thirty-eighth Annual Session, and it again becomes our duty to give you some account of our present meeting, and the state of the Churches. We feel that we have great reason to be thankful for the evidences of the divine blessing upon us. We have had remarkably fine weather. We have had correspondence from all the churches of our body, and representation from nearly all; and though thirteen of the churches formerly belonging to this body have been dismissed to form a new Association, yet we are but little weakened, as we have at our present meeting four new churches added to our number.

The letters from the churches represent them in a hopeful condition. Some have had interesting ingatherings by baptism, and nearly all of them some. All have had preaching with more or less regularity and frequency. There has been but little disorder.

The reports of our missionaries are of an encouraging character. As much success has attended their labors as we could reasonably expect. The scattered sheep of Christ have been gathered and fed, feeble churches supplied—the gospel preached to perishing sinners.

Beloved brethren, allow us to address you a few words as members composing this body. Bear in mind the sacred character of your holy profession. It was voluntarily made; it was made in the name of Christ and before God, and to honor that profession should be the main object and end of your lives. The Scriptures say, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes." By these we understand the smaller defects of our christian character. Such as negligence in attending our regular conferences: indifference in bearing the burdens of the church: sustaining the pastor, and laboring to spread the gospel. Alas! how many there are that are deficient in these things, and here we have some of the foxes that spoil the vines! And again, there are others that visit the bars of dram-shops, that visit plays and dances, alleys and tableaux—participating in them, and in these we see more of the foxes that spoil the vines. Unbecoming lightness, low and vulgar jests, lack of fidelity in contracts and promises, and a contentious spirit and ungovernable temper, may also be regarded as the little foxes that spoil the vines.

Unsoundness in the faith, winking at Pseudo-baptist errors, and open communion, are also foxes that spoil the vines. Brethren how sad to contemplate the devastation caused by these little foxes in the moral vineyard of the Lord. Shall we not then regard the admonition given, and labor to take these foxes, and thus arrest their influence? Let us cherish and protect the vines, for the vines have tender grapes. May the blessing of the Lord rest on you all.

J. M. MOORE,
CHAIRMAN.

Ordained Ministers and Their Post Offices.

J. M. McALLISTER, Rushing Store	PULLUM VAUGHN,
W. D. McQUIRK, Lawrence Sta.,	O. F. BRELAND, Union,
N. L. CLARKE, Decatur,	A. WINTSEAD, "
A. GRESSETT, Meridian,	J. M. MOORE, "
L. P. MURRELL, Lake Station,	W. A. HUTSON, Hillsboro,
D. FORE, " "	R. CRENSHAW, sup'd Forrest,
J. C. ELLERBEE, " "	E. S. CLARKE, Philadelphia,
J. A. BATES, " "	B. F. CARTER, "
J. HEERRINGTON, Union,	J. R. RUSSELL, Edinburg,
G. W. BURT, Laurel Hill,	T. W. ELLERBEE, Sebastapol,
J. M. KELLY, Union,	

Licentiates and their Post Offices.

F. LANSING, Union,	J. A. HALEY, Clinton,
S. CARR, Raleigh,	E. S. STEPHENS, Rushing Store,
J. THORNTON, "	D. BROWN, Edinburg,
G. W. WILLIAMSON, Taylorville,	Z. GILMORE, Hickory.
W. D. BEANTLY, High Hill,	

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. ——— COUNTY.

We, the Regular Baptist Church of Christ, ——— to the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, to be held with the ——— Church, Saturday before the third Lord's day in Sept., A. D. 187—: Dear Brethren, we have this day delegated our beloved brethren, A. B., and C., to represent us in our approaching annual meeting, in an associated capacity, and D and E as alternates. Our Statistics are as follows:

Baptized	No. of Minutes,
Received by letter,	Associational Fund,
Restored,	Home Mission "
Dismissed by letter,	Foreign Mission "
Excluded,	Indian Mission "
Dead,	Orphans' Home,
White males,	Elder Crenshaw, sup'd,
White females,	Sabbath Schools,
Colored,	Ordained Ministers,
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Dear Brethren pray for us. May the God of all Grace be with you, and guide you in all your deliberations.

Done by order of the Church in conference, this the — day of —, A. D. 187—.

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NEWTON CHURCH, Newton Co., Miss.,
September 19, A. D. 1874.

The Mount Pisgah Baptist Association, met this day in her thirty-eighth annual meeting pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. M. Moore, from 1st Timothy, 3d chapter, 15th verse. Theme: Unity of the Church.

Half hours intermission, and the delegates from the churches met in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by brother Gressett.

Brothers G. F. Lowry, I. A. Haily and J. E. Graham were appointed to read letters.

Brothers J. H. Limbaugh, chairman, J. R. Pace and P. S. McCormick were appointed a committee on Finance.

Brother A. Gressett was appointed assistant clerk.

Brethren H. B. Cooper and J. A. Hitt, were requested to preach in the Methodist house of worship this evening.

Letters were read from forty-four churches, the names of their delegates enrolled, and general statistics noted. New Providence church dissolved. (See Table.)

The body next proceeded to choose officers for the ensuing year, which was done by ballot, resulting in the re-election of N. L. Clark, Moderator, A. Gressett, Clerk and J. M. Pace, Treasurer.

The way being opened for the application of new churches to membership, the newly constituted churches, Pleasant Ridge and Concord, presented petitionary letters by their delegates.— Said churches being found orthodox, were received. Also, the Mount Sinai church presenting a letter from the Harmony Association, was received. The new church Ebenezer, presented a petitionary letter by her delegates and was duly received, and entered with the names of their delegates upon table of churches.

Brother R. N. Hall being present in the interest of the Orphan's Home, was invited to a seat in the body.

Correspondence from other bodies being called for, a letter and package of minutes were received from Ebenezer Association by her messenger, J. P. Johnson, who was welcomed to a seat with the body.

Brothers J. L. Blanks and Richard David were present from the Bethlehem Association, with letter and minutes, and were duly received, and on motion, correspondence renewed with that body.

Brethren W. B. Butler and J. L. Gresham from the Springfield Association, were present and welcomed to seats in the body in due form. Brother W. W. Thomas was present from Harmony Association, having neither letter or minutes, was welcomed to a seat with us.

Whereas, brother Butler, our former clerk has reported that under the resolution of last Association he has written letters of dismission to the following named churches, viz: Hillsboro, Forrest, Morton, Rocky Creek, Lime Creek, Shiloh, Springfield, New Prospect, Homewood, Harpersville, Mount Carmel, High Hill and Primitive Hill, therefore,

Resolved, That the above named Churches be considered regularly dismissed from our body.

To arrange preaching: J. M. Pace, chm'n., A. P. Wash, M. P. Williams, J. E. Traylor, A. M. Cross.

On Nominations: J. L. Hardy, chairman, H. Roberson, E. Deen, J. Jolly, John Boler and J. M. Kelly.

On state of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the churches: J. M. Moore, chm'n., J. A. Hitt, H. Davidson, W. L. Simmons, J. M. McAllister, L. P. Murrell, O. F. Breland, and on motion, the moderator, N. L. Clarke, be added to the committee.

On Queries and Requests: L. P. Murrell, chm'n., A. Gressett, J. B. Ishe, D. S. Welch, B. Little, Wm. Walton and A. Winstead.

On Missions: W. A. Hutson, chm'n., J. E. Graham, I. I. Barber, W. L. Phillips, W. L. Roberts, D. Fore.

Orphan's Home: A. Gressett, chm'n., E. W. Roebuck, J. E. Haralson.

On Sabbath Schools: I. A. Haily, chm'n., S. Everett, A. J. Pennington, M. A. Martin.

To write Letters: H. B. Cooper, chm'n., and I. I. Barber.

The annual report of the Executive Board was read before the body and adopted.

On motion, a public collection be taken up for Home and Foreign Missions; also, for Eld. Crenshaw on Lord's day, after the 11 o'clock services.

The committee on preaching made their report as follows:— Eld. W. L. Phillips to preach in the Baptist Church, and Eld. W. D. McQuirk in the Methodist house of worship, to-night; and Eld. L. P. Murrell in the Baptist Church, at 11 a. m., Lord's day, as per appointment last year; to preach the annual missionary sermon, Eld. J. P. Johnston, from the Ebenezer Association, in the afternoon, and W. R. Butler in the Methodist house, followed by Eld. A. Gressett. Eld. R. N. Hall to preach in the Baptist Church at night.

Adjourned to 9 a. m., Monday. Prayer by the Moderator.

LORD'S DAY.

Elder L. P. Murrell preached at 11, a. m., using as his text, Acts 4th chapter and 12th verse. Elder J. P. Johnston in the evening from Hebrews, 9th chapter and 13th and 14th verses. Elder W. R. Butler also preached as per appointment at the Methodist house of worship, followed by Elder A. Gressett, in a few appropriate remarks; after which the following collections were taken up:

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We have abundant reason to hope that much good will result from this day's labor.

Elder R. N. Hall preached to a large and attentive congregation at night.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. A. Winstead. The roll was called, the delegates answering in their seats.

The objects, powers and rules of decorum were read by order of the Moderator.

On motion, agreed to observe the former order of business.

Correspondence was returned to the Ebenezer Association, by appointing Elders J. A. Hitt and W. L. Phillips, as messengers to bear a letter and package of minutes to said body. Elders J. A. Bates and D. Fore to bear our correspondence to the Salem Association. Elders A. Gressett and J. M. Kelly to the Bethlehem Association, and Elders J. A. Bates and O. F. Breland to the Harmony Association.

Reports of committees were next called for:

Committee on Queries and Requests reported, and after considerable discussion, received; and on motion the report in reference to the query from the Garlandville Church was adopted; also the report in reference to the query from the Hickory church, was adopted; the report in reference to the query from the Bethel church was read, and after some amendment was adopted. The report in regard to the query from Pine Grove church was also adopted; the report in reference to the request from the Ebenezer church was adopted; and also the report in regard to the request from Black Jack Ridge church, was adopted. (See Ap. A.)

On motion, adjourned thirty minutes for refreshments. Time expired and business resumed.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and after some amendment the report was adopted. Appendix B.

Committee on Nomination reported, and on motion, adopted. Appendix C.

Report of committee on Orphan's Home: report read, and on motion, adopted. Appendix D.

Committee on state of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence reported; report adopted. [See first page.]

Committee on finance reported; report adopted. Appendix E.

Committee to write letters reported; report adopted. Appendix F.

Committee on Missions reported; report adopted. Appendix G.

Proceeded to take up our missionary business.

tion was unanimously adopted, appointing brother N. L. Clarke to labor and supply the destitution in the southern part, and Eld. W. A. Hutson in the North Western, and Eld. A. Gressett in the North East part of our associational territory, each of said brethren to receive two dollars per day in gold, or its equivalent. Brother Murrell was requested to lead in prayer for God's blessing upon these appointments.

On motion, it was agreed that this body represent herself in the next meeting of the general association of South East Mississippi, by sending delegates and contributions. The following brethren were appointed to said body: Eld. N. L. Clarke and J. H. Limbaugh.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to hand over the funds sent by the Decatur church to this body for Home Mission to the delegates to the general Association.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to have these minutes printed, distribute them to the churches; reserving a sufficient number for corresponding purposes,) receive thirty dollars in gold, or its equivalent, for his services, and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary fund.

On motion the clerk be requested to have the Abstract of Faith, Rules of Decorum and powers of the Association printed in the minutes.

On motion the clerk be requested to prepare a form of letter and have it printed on the minutes for the benefit of the churches.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Newton church and vicinity, and also to the Methodist brethren, for the use of their house.

Resolved, That Eld. W. A. Hutson be appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld. O. F. Breland be his alternate.

Resolved, That Eld. W. D. McQuirk preach the next annual sermon on Mission, and Eld. A. Gressett be his alternate.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet with the Ebenezer Church, Neshoba county, Saturday before the 3d Lord's day in September, A. D. 1875.

The brethren gave to each other the hand, while singing one of the songs of zion, and thus closed the thirty-eighth session of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association. Prayer by Bro. Carter.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

A. GRESSETT, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

A.

REPORT ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your committee beg leave to report on the following Queries and Requests, viz:

One from Garlandville Church, "Is instrumental music condemned by the Word of God, or is it immoral in a church to use it in her worship, when the congregation unite in the music?" To which we reply: That it is nowhere sanctioned in the New Testament, which we regard as our rule of faith and practice; and as it is our axiom of scriptural interpretation and application, that what-

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soever is not commanded is forbidden; therefore, we consider its tendency immoral.

2d. From Hickory, with regard to what is the proper law of testimony in a Baptist Church? In answer we would state that according to the New Testament and Baptist usage, no one can be admitted as a witness in a Baptist Church but a regular Baptist in good standing; yet as each church is sovereign and independent, she may agree to consider outside evidence and act according to her best judgment.

3d. Query from Bethel, viz: "What kind of a minister is most suitable for a missionary field, a doctrinal man, or a mere revivalist?" To which we reply, That a missionary should be a doctrinal man, and in order to be useful it is vastly important that he be sound in the faith.

4th. Query from Pine Grove: "Is it right for a church to grant letters of dismission to members not in full fellowship?" Your committee answer, No.

We find a request from Decatur Church, and also one from Ebenezer, for the next meeting of this body to be held with them. We recommend that the request of Ebenezer Church be granted.

We recommend that the request of Black Jack Ridge Church in regard to the publication of the Abstract of Faith, be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. MURRELL, Chm'n.

B.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows:

In our humble judgment, we think that due importance has not been attached in the past by our association to this subject; we have not one Sunday School reported from the churches of the Association. Neither do we know that there is one controlled by Baptists, within her bounds. We are led to inquire why this is so? There are many children of Baptist parents in the mixed schools, (called union,) and so far as we are able to learn, they are all under the direct supervision of Pedo-Baptists; and when we examine their Libraries, we cannot fail to find error in them. With this fact before us, we believe Baptists are sleeping on their rights, and are guilty of the sin of neglect. Duty calls on every friend of truth to use all the means God has possessed them with, to disseminate wholesome instructions to the rising generation—while we believe Baptists are the only people on earth that hold to and teach the whole truth—therefore we are of opinion that it is our indispensable duty as Baptists, to concern ourselves more about the importance of a duty so important, and would recommend the churches, every one, to use some effort to organize a Baptist Sunday School in every church—and procure books not tinged with error—that real knowledge may be developed. This is our duty and if we neglect this duty, we will have no cause to complain when our children depart from us. We would also recommend to the churches that they report to the Association annually the number of Sunday Schools, teachers and students; also the books used by them:

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HAILY, Chm'n.

C.**REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.**

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully report :
That we have nominated Eld. W. A. Hutson to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder O. F. Breland, alternate; Elder McQuirk the next Annual Sermon on Missions; Eld. A. Gressett, alternate. That the Executive Board be composed of the following brethren. [See 12th page.]

J. L. HARDY, Chm'n.

D.**REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.**

Your committee would report that they deem the duty of providing for the orphans of our land, a high and noble one; appealing to the holiest feelings of our nature. Charities thus expended return precious and sweet reward. The making of the Home a permanent institution of our land, would not only be the proudest monument we could erect for the protection of the orphans of our land, but one that would stand as a living monument in favor of that pure and undefiled religion or principle, taught by the blessed Savior, "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat. I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me." We would recommend that both the delegates and pastors ask their respective churches to raise such contributions as they may deem right and proper.

A. GRESSETT, Chm'n.

E.**REPORT ON FINANCE.**

Your Committee would respectfully report, that we have examined the former Treasurer's report and find it correct.

On hand for Associational purposes,	\$ 22 95
For Home Missions,	58 58
Sent up by Churches for Home Missions,	83 95
Sent up by Churches for Foreign Missions,	17 00
Collected on Lord's day for Foreign Missions,	7 15
Collected on Lord's day for Home Missions,	5 20
From Churches for Associational purposes,	120 90
From Churches for Elder Crenshaw,	24 90
Collected on Lord's day for Elder Crenshaw,	20 70
Orphans' Home,	3 20
For General Associational purposes, from Churches,	
For General Association, collected on Lord's day,	
For Indian Missions, collected on Lord's day,	
For Indian Missions, sent up by Churches,	
Total,	364 53

J. H. TIMBAUGH, Chm'n.

F.**REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO WRITE LETTERS.**

No Letters to be printed in these minutes, but handed in manuscript to our correspondence to other bodies.

H. B. COOPER, Chm'n.

G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The importance of Christian Missions must be abundantly manifest both from the Scriptures and their usefulness in the world. God has surely blessed the labors of his people in our own country, and in foreign lands; thus making it clear that it pleased him by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. Our first obligation in gospel labor, is in our own vicinity, and the next to the adjacent regions, and finally, if within our power, we should look to distant lands and do something for the people, and thus sow beside all waters. Remembering at the same time that they that sow liberally shall reap bountifully.

Your committee would earnestly and sincerely solicit every church in this body to send up to the Association all they possibly can for missions to be used by said Association, as they may think best, either for domestic or foreign missions.

W. A. HUTSON, Chm'n.

H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board in presenting this, their annual report, would unfeignedly thank God for the continuation of his mercy through another year. We held a meeting in May, at which your missionaries were present and made their reports—which gave evidence of faithfulness in their several fields of labor. Their final reports of labor present the following facts: Bro. Hutson has spent in his field 29 days, preached thirty-five times and traveled 776 miles. Bro. Fore has spent 21 days, preached 27 times and traveled 285 miles. Tho' these brethren report no baptisms, yet they have reason to believe that quite a number brought under religious influence in their missionary field, have joined the adjacent churches.

Bro. Clarke reports 33 days spent in the work, 46 sermons preached, 6 persons baptized, 18 received by letter, 2 restored, 1 church constituted, and has traveled 650 miles. Bro. Clarke has supplied 2 churches as missionary. Altogether we have: 83 days spent in the work, 109 sermons preached, 6 persons baptized, 18 received by letter, 2 restored, 1 church constituted, 2 churches supplied, 1711 miles traveled. Your missionaries report some remaining destitution in the bounds of the Association, and adjacent thereto, which your Board would recommend you to supply, if within your power. We are glad to say that the funds on hand from last Association, have been sufficient to pay our Missionaries up to the present time, with a very small exception.

Respectfully submitted,
September 19th, 1874.

N. L. CLARKE, Chm'n.
W. R. BUTLER, Sect'y.

CONTRIBUTIONS SENT IN.

Brother J. A. Alexander, from Randel Hill, sends for Orphans' Home, \$2.00. And for Elder Crenshaw, superannuated, Salem Church sends \$5.00; Hickory, \$2.50; Bethlehem, \$2.00; Newton, 50 cents; Bethel, \$4.30; Bluff Spring, \$1.75; Decatur, \$1.00; Rock Branch, 90 cents; Beulah, \$1.95; Pleasant Ridge, \$2.50. The Lake Church reports that they have paid for State missions, \$27.00; and for Ministerial Education, \$35.00; Church expenses, \$7.50. Said funds were handed to the Agents of the objects named.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature; consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.
4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.
6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.
7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.
8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead; a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another, in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.
3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until His second coming.
4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.
5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.
6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.
7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.
8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place; and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four, and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any members thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

N. L. CLARKE, President.

J. M. PACE, Treasurer.

A. GRESSETT, Secretary.

J. M. KELLY.

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P. S. McCORMICK.

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JOHN BOLER.

J. E. TAYLOR.

The first meeting of the Board will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church, Newton county, Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in May. The second meeting will be held with the Bethel Church, Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in August.

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Bethlehem,	Newton,	Union,	J. Boler, N. Walton,
Union,	Scott,	Hillsboro,	W. L. Summers, W. L. Stewart
Pleasant Grove,	Newton,	Union,	Letter,
Sylvarena,	Smith,	Sylvarena,	Letter,
Newton,	Newton,	Newton Station,	M. P. Williams, A. P. Wash,
Center Hill,	Neshoba,	Philadelphia,	B. F. Carter, J. J. Peebles,
Good Hope,	Neshoba,	Philadelphia,	C. L. Lewis, J. T. Clarke,
Piney Grove,	Neshoba,	Union,	A. Winstead, O. F. Breland,
Good Hope,	Newton,	Hickory Station,	J. B. Ishee, J. R. Horn,
Belkowskip,	Lauderdale,	Rushing's Store,	W. B. Snowden,
Neshoba Springs,	Neshoba,	Union,	H. Rice, M. A. Martin,
Wacledonia,	Lauderdale,	Chunkey Station,	T. T. Harrison, B. C. Stephens,
Enon,	Neshoba,	Union,	B. S. Haily, Wm. Bates,
Garlandsville,	Jasper,	Garlandsville,	D. S. Welch, J. L. Hardy,
Bethel,	Newton,	Newton Station,	W. D. McQuirk, P. S. McCormick
Saron,	Smith,	Raleigh,	J. H. Limbaugh, L. Myers,
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Bluff Springs,	Lauderdale,	Rushing's Store,	J. M. McAlister, J. D. Pool,
Pine Ridge,	Newton,	Lake Station,	D. Fore, H. Roberson,
Harperville,	Scott,	Union,	H. C. Jones,
Pinkney,	Newton,	Union,	E. W. Roebuck, S. E. Collins,
Pandill Hill,	Jasper,	Union,	J. F. Logan, W. L. Roberts,
Rock Branch,	Newton,	Union,	J. M. Kelly,
Decatur,	Newton,	Decatur,	N. L. Clarke, H. B. Cooper, A. M. Cross, B. E. Gilmore
Black Jack Grove,	Neshoba,	Union,	J. J. Goldman,
Antioch,	Neshoba,	Rio,	B. Threat,
Poplar Springs,	Newton,	Newton Station,	E. Deen, H. Davidson,
Beulah,	Newton,	Decatur,	A. Crosscott, I. A. Haily, W. & J. E. Graham
Herbert,	Neshoba,	Herbert,	J. H. Patridge, D. B. Crews,
Chunkeyville,	Lauderdale,	Chunkey Station,	B. Little, D. E. Rich,
Mount Pisgah,	Jasper,	Garlandsville,	M. H. Whitley, J. E. Trayler,
Palistine,	Newton,	Meridian,	W. L. Phillips, J. W. Trussell,
Ebenezer,	Neshoba,	Beach Springs,	R. King, W. Wallon,
Zion,	Kemper,	Rio,	L. M. Cesholm, G. Houston,
Sulphur Spring,	Scott,	Damascus,	W. A. Hutson, J. G. Brunson,
Lake,	Scott,	Lake Station,	G. F. Lowry, S. C. Scott,
New Prospect,	Newton,	Sebastopol,	J. C. Pearce, H. A. L. Saval,
Leaf River,	Smith,	Pineville,	J. A. Hitt,
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Mt Sinai,	Neshoba,	Newton Station,	J. C. Walton, J. S. Guise,
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4	2	1			17	33	1	51	25	300	600			1		N L Clarke, S
4	6	1			17	20		37	20	285	250			2		J M Moore, S
1	2				28	29	2	59	20	300	925			2		W A Hutson, P
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Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

J M McALLISTER, Rushing Store	W D MAGUIRK, Lawrence Sta.
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L P MURRELL, Lake Station,	T M ELLERBEE, Sebastapool,
D FORE, " "	J A BATES, " "
J C ELLERBEE, " "	J D PARKER, Newton,
I A HALEY, Clinton,	PULLUM VAUGHN, Chunkey,
J M KELLY, Union,	W A HUTSON, Hillsboro,
O F BRELAND, Union,	E S CLARK, Philadelphia,
A WINSTEAD, " "	B F CARTER, " "
J M MOORE, " "	H B COOPER, Decatur,
J R RUSSELL, Edinburg,	W L PHILLIPS, Meridian,
L B FANCHER, Union,	

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Licentiates and their Post Offices.

F SANSING, Union,	S CARR, Raleigh,
G W WILLIAMSON, Taylorville,	J THORNTON, " "
E S STEPHENS, Rushing Store,	D BROWN, Edinburg,
Z K GILMORE, Hickory,	

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

N L Clarke, President.	J M Pace, Treasurer.
W D Magonirk, Secretary.	H B Cooper,
L P Murrell,	W D Magonirk,
R E Chapman,	J M Pace,
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EBENEZER CHURCH, NESHOPA Co., Miss.,
Sept. 18th, A. D. 1875.

The Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association met this day, in her Thirty-Ninth Annual meeting, pursuant to adjournment. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder W. A. Hutson, text in Proverbs, 11th Chapter and 14th verse. Theme, importance of Scriptural instruction in order to Christian fidelity.

And after an intermission of half an hour, the delegates from the churches met in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator.

The Clerk being absent, Elder W. D. Magouirk was appointed Clerk pro tem. The following Committees were then appointed:

On Finance: Bro. J. R. Pace, John Boler and R. E. Chapman.

On Reading Letters: Brethren, Eld's W. R. Cooper, W. L. Phillips and Brother G. P. C. Sansing.

Letters were read from 40 churches and the names of their delegates were enrolled, and general statistics were noted.

Bluff Springs and New Providence Churches Dissolved.

The body next proceeded to elect officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder N. L. Clarke Moderator, Elder W. D. Magouirk Clerk, and Brother J. M. Pace, Treasurer.

An opportunity was then offered to new Churches for membership, and petitionary letters were presented from Churches, viz: Salem, Smith Co., Hickory Springs, Neshoba Co., and Philadelphia, Neshoba Co. The letters were read, received and entered with their delegates on the table of Churches and roll of delegates.

Correspondence from other Associations were then called for, and Elder J. P. Johnston and Brother J. S. H. Stringer, presented a letter from the Ebenezer Association, and Elder W. McMertry and Brother W. W. Thomas, presented minutes of the Harmony Association, which were all received and the delegates were welcomed to seats with the Body.

The following Committees were next appointed:

On Preaching:

J M Pace, W F Jones, E J Collins, W R Hailey, J Chisolm and W Walton.

On Queries and Requests:

L P Murrell, E Dean, F Sansing, J White and A Winstead.

On Religious and Fraternal Correspondence:

H B Cooper, W D Magouirk, E G Daniels, W L Phillips, J A Bates and J B Ishee. By motion N L Clarke was added to the committee.

On Nominations:

W Graham, L J Caughman, F Clark, J S Thomas and E McCarty.

To Write Letters:

H B Cooper and F H Peebles.

On Sabbath Schools:

T M Ellerbee, C C Roebuck, J Hadley and W A Hutson.

On Missions:

W A Hutson, R King, W H Foreman, W C Thornton and A J Small.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

We, your Committee beg leave to report, W D Magouirk to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, after which a collection be taken up for home mission. And Elder J P Johnston to preach at 2, p m. Respectfully submitted.

J M PACE, Chm'n Com.

Adjourned to meet an 9, a m Monday. Benediction by the Moderator.

SABBATH.

Elder W D Magouirk preached the Sermon on missions at 11, a m, according to appointment. Text, Daniel 2d chapter, 44th verse. Subject, Kingdom of Christ, after which a collection was taken up for home missions, amounting to \$19 50, and at 2, p m Elder J P Johnston preached. Text in Job 9th chapter 2d verse. Subject, Justification. The congregation was very large and attentive, and much religious interest was manifested among the people.

MONDAY 9, O'CLOCK A M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder L P Murrell. In consequence of the rain on Friday and Saturday, which hindered many of the delegates from arriving in due time, the regular order of business was suspended, and absent letters called for, and letters were presented from the following Churches: Pine Ridge, Union, Pleasant Grove, Good Hope, Harperville, Sulphur Springs and Garlandville, which were read, received and entered with the names of their delegates on the table of Churches. The Sulphur Springs Church letter not being in and read when the roll was called, the order of business was suspended, and Elder W A Hutson was received as a delegate.

A petitionary letter was then presented from Fellowship Church, Leak County, her orthodoxy being shown as good, the Church was received and placed with her delegates names on the table of churches and roll of delegates.

The roll was called, the delegates answering from their seats.

The objects, powers and rules of decorum, were read by order of the Moderator.

By motion it was agreed to observe the former order of business.

The Annual report of the Executive Board was read and approved. Appendix A.

On motion, Correspondence to the Associations was returned, Elder L P Murrell and Brother P Huff, were appointed corresponding messengers to Ebenezer, and Eld's A Gressett and W L Phil-

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lips to the Salem, and Eld's W D Magouirk and D Fore to the Springfield Associations. Elder A Gressett and W L Phillips, were appointed as corresponding delegates to the Bethlehem Association.

Report of the Committee on Queries and Requests, read and after a few remarks adopted. Appendix B.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, read and after a long discussion was disapproved.

Report of the Committee nominations read and adopted. Appendix C.

Report of the Committee on the state of religion and fraternal correspondence read and adopted. Appendix D.

Report of the Committee to write letters. No report read, but letters were presented and read to the several bodies with which the Association corresponds and approved. Report of the Committee on missions read and after a long and interesting discussion adopted. Appendix E.

Report of the Committee on Finance read and adopted. Appendix F.

Monday at 11 A M, Eld I A Hailey preached at the stand and at 2 P M Elder A Winstead. The congregation manifested a good deal of interest.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That Elder W. A. Hutson be appointed as missionary to labor in the field occupied by him last year, and that Elder D. Fore be appointed his same field of missionary work, and that Elder N. L. Clarke be appointed as missionary in the north-east part of the Association.

RESOLVED, That this body represent herself in the next meeting of the General Association of South East Mississippi by sending delegates and contributions. The following brethren were appointed: Elder A Gressett, D Fore, N L Clarke, L P Murrell, W A Hutson, W D Magouirk and brother F H Pebbles.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk be instructed to have these minutes printed and distribute them to the churches, reserving a sufficient number for corresponding purposes, and that he receive thirty dollars for his services and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary fund.

RESOLVED, That the amount of Associational fund, paid to missionaries last May be transferred to the mission funds and if there be a surplus of the present Associational fund after paying expenses it be put to the mission fund.

By motion, it was Resolved, That this Association in view of the necessity of a Religious Journal to disseminate true and correct *New Testament teaching* among Baptists, and in consideration of the fact that there is such a Journal now in existence at Meridian, Mississippi, under the control of our estimable brother Gressett, arduously laboring through that medium for the good of the Baptist Denomination; that we, as an Association, use every available means in our power, with our purses and our influence to aid in placing the *Southern Baptist* on a substantial basis, and place it in the house of every Baptist family in the State; and extend the benefits of our valuable paper to as many beyond the boundaries of Mississippi as possible, and that we continually pray for brother Gressett and the success of the *Southern Baptist*.

RESOLVED, That Elder A Gressett be appointed to preach the next introductory sermon and Elder D. Fore his alternate, and that Elder N L Clarke preach the next Annual sermon on missions and Elder L P Murrell his alternate.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the Ebenezer church and vicinity for the kind and hospitable way the Association was entertained by them.

RESOLVED, That we now adjourn to meet with the Pleasant Hill church, Newton county, Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, A. D. 1876.

While singing one of Zion's songs the brethren gave to each other the hand of salutation, thus closing the *Thirty-ninth* Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association. Prayer by the Moderator.

W. D. MAGUIRK,
Clerk.

N. L. CLARKE,
Moderator.

APPENDICES.

A.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board present this as their Annual Report and would thank God for the continuation of His mercy through another year. We held meetings in August and September which present the following facts: At the May meeting we thought it advisable, and appointed Elder D Fore as missionary to occupy a small part of the field assigned Elder N L Clarke. Elder W. A Hutson reports 35 days spent in the work, 35 sermons preached, 2 persons baptized, 2 received by letter, 1 church organized, 600 miles traveled. Elder N L Clarke reports 37 days spent in the work, 41 sermons preached, 9 persons baptized, 1 Deacon ordained, 8 received by letter, 549 miles traveled. Elder D. Fore reports 20 days spent in the work, 41 sermons preached, 420 miles traveled. We have altogether reported 92 days spent in the work, 117 sermons preached, 11 persons baptized, 10 received by letter, 1 Deacon ordained, 1 church organized, 1,569 miles traveled. Your missionaries report some remaining destitution in the bounds of the Association and adjacent thereto, which your Board would recommend you to supply if within your power. Funds on hand are not sufficient to pay the demands against the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

W. D. MAGUIRK,
Secretary Protem.
Sept. 17, A. D. 1875.

N. L. CLARKE,
Chairman.

B.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to report as follows:

We find three requests, one from Herbert, one from Sylvaena and one from Pleasant Hill. The aforesaid churches request the Association to hold the next Annual meeting with them. Your Committee having had the same under consideration, and recommend that the Association hold her next Annual meeting with the Pleasant Hill church, Newton county. Respectfully submitted.

L P MURRELL, Chm'n Com.

C.

Your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that we have nominated Elder A Gressett, to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder D Fore his alternate, and Elder N L Clarke to preach the next Annual Sermon on mission, and Elder

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L P Murrell his aternate. And that the Executive Board be composed of the following: [See Executive Board.]

W Graham, Chairman Com.,

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Report of the committee on the state of Religious and Fraternal correspondence with the churches.

DEAR BRETHREN :—Through the mercy of God we have been favored to convene in this our thirty-ninth annual meeting, and some account of which we propose to give you, and the state of the churches and though we cannot say as we have for years, that we have had fine weather, yet we have much to be thankful for. True some of our churches failed to represent themselves, doubtless on account of the excessive rain, yet we have had a tolerable full representation. We have had four new churches added to our number, two churches reported as dissolved. The letters from them represent them in a hopeful condition. No church has been without preaching, and nearly all have had some additions by baptism, while some have had extensive gatherings. The report of our missionaries are interesting and encouraging. Great harmony has attended our present session so that in view of all these circumstances we should be humbly thankful to God the giver of all good, we may justly say hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Looking to the future what shall we say. At home things are much as usual, but at a distance dark clouds of trouble appear and may come near and pour their baneful showers of confusion upon us. At last the clamor of Pedobaptist has prevailed among Northern Baptist, and the practice of open communion is fully inaugurated and those who were once supposed to be fixed in strict communion principles have given way and fallen in with the popular tendency of error. What shall we do? Shall we also yield and unfaithful prove? Is it possible that unyielding faithfulness—self sacrificing toils and unflinching devotion to the truth even unto blood? so long manifested by the baptist have all been in vain? If open communion baptist are right then our toiling sufferings have been in vain, yea, even foolish. But let us not be deceived but let us discern the signs of the times—but let us watch and guard every opening at which error may enter. That church or minister that practices pulpit affiliation fosters open communion sentiments. That church or minister that invites other orders to give the right hand of fellowship in receiving members goes very far in encouraging open communion principles. Faith and baptism must precede the Lord's Supper, so the Lord Jesus practiced, so he commanded, shall we disregard his practice? Shall we set aside his command? Never, never! Brethren be faithful unto death and Christ will give you a crown of life, says our dear Redeemer, and adds, "Behold I come quickly" who shall abide the day of his coming. Look! He comes; comes quickly; to give to every man as his works may be. Therefore brethren we pray you keep

in mind this admonition of the blessed Saviour "But take ye heed, behold I have foretold you all things."

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER H B COOPER,

" W D MAGUIRK,

" W L PHILIPS,

" J A BATES,

" J B ISHEE,

" N L CLARKE.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The importance of christian missions must be abundantly manifest, both from scripture and from their usefulness in the world. And from the information we have received from various sources we are bound to say, that our mission work is in a prosperous condition in every part of the world where mission work is done, and we feel thankful to almighty God that we can report, that we have been remarkably blessed in the bounds of our association, considering the small amount of work we have done. Our first obligations in Gospel labor is in our own vicinity, and the next to adjacent regions, and finally if within our power we should look to distant lands, and do something for the people there, remembering that they who sow liberally shall reap bountifully. Your committee would earnestly and sincerely solicit every church in this body to send up to the Association all they possibly can for missions to be used as the Association may think best.

W A HUTSON, Chm'n.

F.

Your committee would respectfully report that we have examined the Treasurer's report and find that he has on hand, of Associational fund \$19,63 and find he has used \$23,87 of last year's Associational fund in paying your missionaries which makes a total of

	\$42 63
Sent up by churches for Associational purposes,.....	122 70
Sent up by churches for Home missions,.....	96 75
Collected on Lord's Day,.....	16 50
From churches for Elder Crenshaw	14 00
" " Foreign missions.....	1 00

Respectfully submitted

J R PACE, Chm'n.

N B—We find that the Treasurer was overcharged by the Finance committee of last Association of \$8 55.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

First meeting to be held at New Ireland on Saturday before the first fifth Lord's day in 1876.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
County Line	Neshoba	Union	G P Sansing, T C Viverett
Salem	Scott	Lake	L P Murrell, A Taylor
Hickory	Newton	Hickory Sta.	Henry White
Bethlehem	"	Union	John Boler, R P Dollar
Union	Scott	Harperville	W B Tolbert
Pleasant Grove	Newton	Decatur	Represented by Letter
Good Hope	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J B Lewis
Sylvarena	Smith	Flowers Place	W F Jones
Mt Pleasant	Newton	Hickory	J Tatum
Newton	"	Newton	F H Peebles
Center Hill	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J J Peoples
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory Sta.	J B Isher, S Everett
Piny Grove	Neshoba	Union	A Winstead, D Winstead
Fellowship	Lauderdale	Rushings Store	By Letter
Neshoba Springs	Neshoba	Philadelphia	M A Martin
Macedonia	Lauderdale	Meridian	T T Harrison, T Graham
Enon	Neshoba	Union	F Clarke
Garlandville	Jasper	Garlandville	W W Hardy
Bethel	Newton	Newton	W D Magouirk, R E Chapman
Sharon	Smith	Shongelo	L J Chapman
Sardis	Scott	Demaseus	Z Davidson, W A Welch
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Lake Station	J M Pace, J R Pace, Thornton, J P Pace
Bluff Springs	Lauderdale	Rushings Store	Dissolved
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lake Station	D Fore, H Roberson
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	J B Chester
Pinkney	Newton	Union	E G Collins, C C Roebuck
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewel Hill	E G Daniels, D Roberts
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	By Letter
Decatur	"	Decatur	N L Clarke, Cooper, Keith, Z K Gilmore
Black Jack Grove	Neshoba	Edinburg	B F Smith, J Savel
Antioch	"	Java	R T Threault
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton Sta.	E Dean
Beulah	"	Decatur	Grosset, W Graham, J White, W R Hailey
Herbert	Neshoba	Union	J S Thomas, M M Partridge
Chunkeyville	Lauderdale	Chunkey	B Little
Mt Pisgah	Jasper	Garlandville	E McCarty
Palestine	Newton	Meridian	W L Phillips, J W Trussell
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beech Springs	Wm Walton, John McCee
Zion	Kemper	Moscow	J E Chisolm
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Hillshoro	W A Hutson, A G Pettey
Lake	"	Lake Station	A J Small
New Prospect	Newton	County Line	W S Bassett
Leaf River	"	"	Not Represented
New Providence	"	"	Dissolved
Pleasant Ridge	Scott	Lake Station	T M Ellerbee, R Summers
Concord	Jasper	Garlandville	H Barber
Mt Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	J Hadley, M C Brown
Ebenezer	Newton	Newton Sta.	J A Bates, S J Nelson
New Church	"	"	"
Philadelphia	Neshoba	Philadelphia	R King, N M Musgrove
Salem	Smith	Raleigh	W K Foreman
Hickory Springs	Neshoba	Philadelphia	J J Ingram
Friendship	Leak	Walnut Grove	B S Rushing, A Parker
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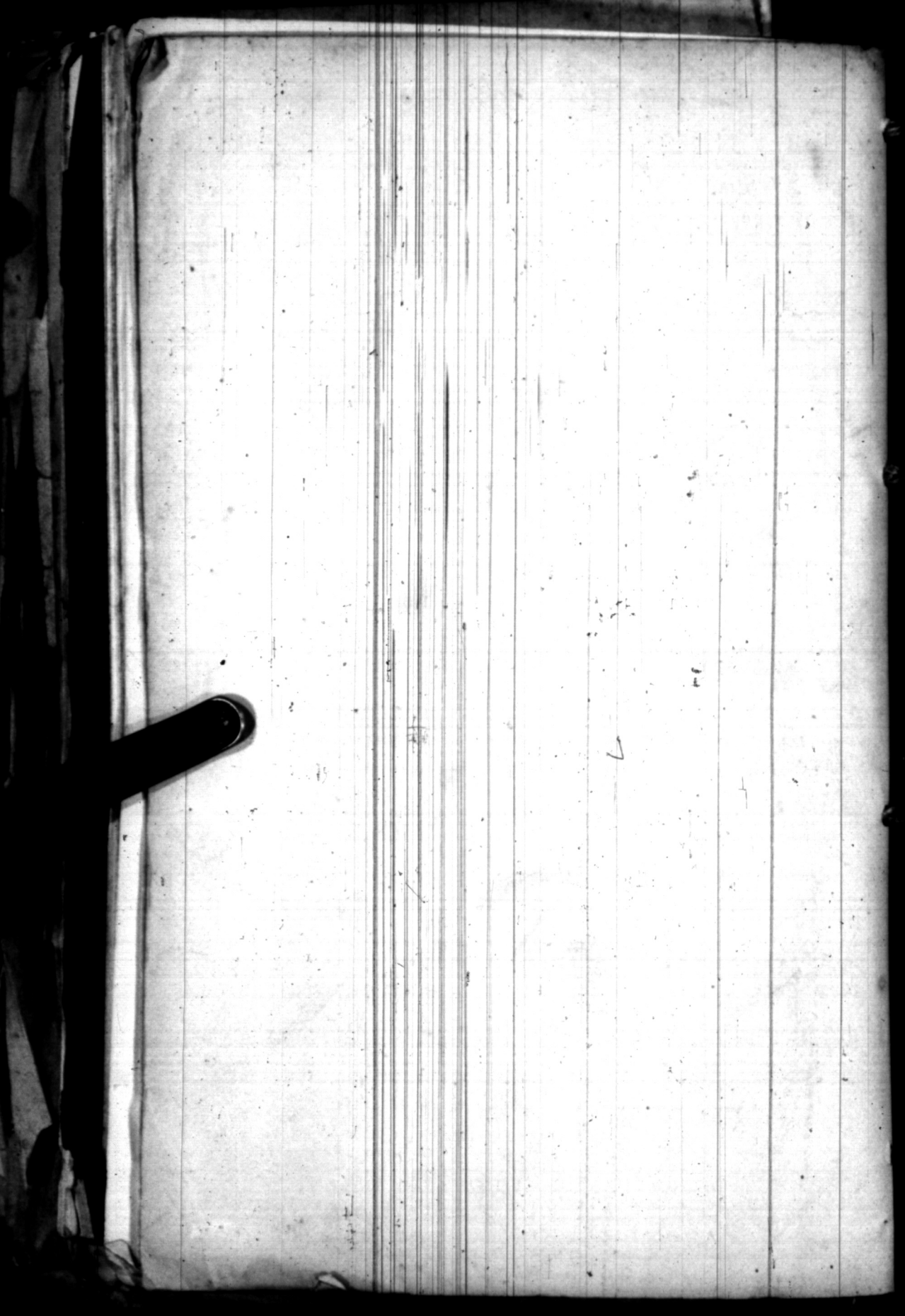
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The reader will observe that there is a difference in the financial report and the summing up of this table, which occurred by some letters not being handed in and the money handed over to the Finance Committee. The table is made out from the letters.

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